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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ARMY GENERAL OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE (AGOR)

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CINCUSARPAC TO CINCPAC RETRANSMITTED TO TAIPEI FOR INFO FROM CINCPAC IS FYI.

2. "THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUED ARMY GENERAL OFFICER REPRESENTATION (AGOR) TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) TO FILL THE VOID CAUSED BY THE CHANGEOVER OF CHMAAG FROM ARMY TO AIR FORCE. THIS ELIMINATED THE SOLE ARMY GENERAL OFFICER ON ISLAND. ALTHOUGH NOT SO IDENTIFIED TO THE ROC, CG US ARMY BASE COMMAND OKINAWA (CG USARBCO) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO PERFORM THE FUNCTION TEMPORARILY. HIS CHARTER INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

A. " USARPAC MANAGEMENT EXCEPT FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING WHICH WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DCSOPS, THIS HQ.
B. "OPERATIONAL AND REPRESENTATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.
C. "AT LEAST QUARTERLY VISITS TO ROC TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH SENIOR ROCA OFFICIALS, REPRESENT USARPAC IN EXER-CISES, CONFERENCES, LIAISON WITH TDC, MAAG AND THE EMBASSY.

3. " CGUSARBCO HAS NOT YET VISITED THE ISLAND IN THE NEW CAPACITY. HIS DEPUTY, BG ROBINSON, DID GO TO TAIPEI, 8 JAN 74, FOR PRELIMINARY BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US COMMUNITY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AMBASSADOR
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EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE LACK OF AN IDENTIFIABLE AGOR

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BECAUSE OF THE PREDOMINANT ROC ARMY SIZE AND RESPONSIBILITIES.
IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT MR. ABRAMOWITZ, YOU HQ, HAD
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER WITH MR. DOOLIN
OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON. REF EX-
PRESSED COMUSTDC VIEWS.
4. "FROM VIEWPOINT OF THIS HQ, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT
AGOR BE DESIGNATED. FOLLOWING MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS
WOULD APPEAR TO GOVERN THE SELECTION OF THE OPTIMUM APPROACH
TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION.
A. "THE ARMY GENERALSHOULD BE IN THE GRADE OF MG AT LEAST
(KNOW TO BE A DESIRE OF THE AMBASSADOR).
B. "HE SHOULD BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO
TAIWAN TO ALLOW FOR FREQUENT VISITS AND INSURE REPONSIVE-
NESS.
C. "HE SHOULD HAVE POSITIVE ASSOCIATION WITH TAIWAN
WITH DIRECT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ACTIVITIES ON
OR IN SUPPORT OF TAIWAN.
D. "THE HQ WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED SHOULD BE RESPON-
SIBLE FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING (A SPECIFIED DESIRE OF
COMUSTDC).
E. "HIS DESIGNATION SHOULD PROVOKE MINIMUM POLITICAL
REACTION OR CONFLICT.

5. "FOLLOWING OPTIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ARE
PRESENTED WITH APPROPRIATE COMMENTS BASED ON THE GOVERNING
CONSIDERATIONS:
A. "DESIGNATE CG USARJ/IX CORPS AS THE AGOR WITH THE
PLANNING FUNCTION PERFORMED BY IX CCRPS. THIS MEETS
THE COMUSTDC DESIRE. HE IS A LTG, IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY
AND HAS ASSOCIATION WITH TAIWAN SINCE UNITS SUBORDINATE
(UNDER USARBCO) TO HIS HQ ARE LOCATED ON TAIWAN, THERE MAY
BE POLITIICAL IMPLICATIONS BECAUSE OF HIS LOCATION AND
POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.
B. "DESIGNATE CG USARBCO, A SUBORDINATE OF USARJ ANS AGOR.
HE IS A MG, HAS UNITS DIRECTLY UNDER HIS COMMAND ON TAIWAN
AND IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE ISLAND. HE DOES NOT MEET
THE COMUSTDC DESIRE THAT HE BE FROM THE HQ WHICH PERFORMS
THE CONTINGENCY PLANNING. THERE MAY BE POLITICAL
IMPLICATIONS BASED ON HIS LOCATION IN JAPAN (OKINAWA).
C. "HAVE THE SENIOR ARMY COLONEL ON ISLAND SERVE IN AN
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ACTING AGOR CAPACITY ON A DAY-BY-DAY BASIS WITH PLANNING
PERFORMED AT EITHER IX CORPS OR THIS HQ, AND HAVE ARMY
GENERAL OFFICERS VISIT ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS. THIS
IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A VIABLE OPTION HERE BECAUSE OF THE
ROCG INTERPRETATION AND REACTIONS. ALTHOUGH PROVIDING AN
ON-ISLAND FOCAL POINT, IT DOES NOT SPECIFY A DESIGNATED
ARMY GENERAL OFFICER REPRESENATIVE. IT DOES MEET THE
OTHER CRITERIA OF LOCATION, ASSOCIATION, AND MINIMUM EXTER-

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NAL POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. CONTINGENCY PLANNING WOULD
BE OFF-ISLAND AND WOULD NOT MEET THE COMUSTDC DESIRE.

6. "THE DECISION PERTAINING TO THIS FUNCTION IMPACTS
SIGNIFICANTLY ON THE FINAL USARPAC PLAN FOR THE CONTINUING
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE ON TAIWAN, IT IS REQUESTED THAT
COORDINATION BE EFFECTED WITH THE APPROPRIATE AMBASSADORS
AND COMMANDERS AND THAT ALL PERTINENT VIEWS BE PROVIDED FOR
CONSIDERATION IN ARRIVING AT THE MOST ACCEPTABLE APPROACH.
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THIS ACTION CAN BE COMPLETED PRIOR
TO 19 FEB SO THAT THE TOTAL ARMY PLAN FOR RESIDUAL
ACTIONS ON TAIWAN CAN BE CONSIDERED ON-SITE BY THE
CINCPAC IG TEAM AND ITS USARPAC REPRESENTATIVE."
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